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NOTE FOR: The Acting Director  
THROUGH: Dave Gries  
FROM:   
SUBJECT: Stokes' Bill Amending Oversight Act

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Attached is the bill introduced last week by Stokes along with his accompanying statement on the House floor and that of co-sponsor Eddie Boland. With the exception of Charlie Wilson, all of the Democratic Members of HPSCI also co-sponsored the measure.

The key features of the bill are as follows:

- o All Findings must be in writing, with copies going to the oversight committees along with the VP, Sec/State, Sec/Defense and DCI.
- o Prior notice of all Findings must be given to the committees except when there is an "unusual degree of sensitivity", in which case prior notice may be given to the "gang of eight".
- o Prior notice to Congress can be deferred "only in extraordinary circumstances affecting the vital interests of the U.S., and only when time is of the essence." In any event, notice can be deferred only up to 48 hours after the Finding has been signed.

So far no corresponding bill has been introduced in the Senate. However, this is likely to happen soon.

Attachment  
as stated

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